



Shelby County Government

A C Wharton, Jr.
Mayor

April 1, 2009

The Honorable Deidre Malone
Chairman, Shelby County Board of Commissioners
160 N. Main, Suite 450
Memphis, TN 38103

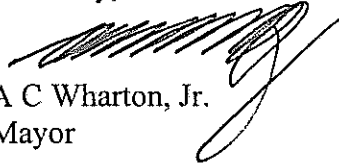
Dear Chairman Malone:

Pursuant to the rules and regulations governing the Shelby County Public Records Commission, I hereby nominate the Honorable John Fowlkes for appointment.

The appointment of judge on the Shelby County Public Records Commission, as an elected official, is for the term to which they have been elected to office.

For your use, biographical information is attached and approval of the Board of Commissioners will be appreciated.

Sincerely,



A C Wharton, Jr.
Mayor

ACW/lar

Enclosure

SUMMARY

I. Description of Item

This resolution appoints the Honorable John Fowlkes to the Shelby County Public Records Commission.

II. Source and Amount of Funding

III. Contract Items

A. Type of Contract – N/A

B. Terms – N/A

IV. Additional Information Relevant to Approval of this Item

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Board/Commission

Division of County Government

Name: JOHN T. FOWLKES, JR.Date of Birth: 4/20/51 Race BLACK M ☒ F ☐Business Name: JUDGE, DIVISION VI CRIM. CT.Business Address: 201 POPLAR Zip: 38103 Phone 545-5857E-mail: JOHN.FOWLKES@SHELBYCOUNTYTN.GOV Fax 545-2234Education: 2ND LAW SCHOOLName of Spouse: MICHELLE Number of Children 2Home Address: 236 BREMINSTON Zip 38111 Phone 454-0996Resident of Shelby County 30+ years.

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes ☐ No ☒
I give authorization to Shelby County Government to request that the Shelby County Sheriff's Department perform a background check. Yes ☒ No ☐

I also understand that other sources including the official state websites listing sexual predators and a check of outstanding balances owed to departments and offices of county government may be performed.

OK

List any affiliation or ownership interest you have in any business, corporation, or partnership, and if such business contracts with or sells products or services to Shelby County Government.

NONE

List members of family, where employed, and whether or not their employer contracts with or sells products or services to Shelby County Government.

I HAVE NO FAMILY MEMBERS THAT ARE EMPLOYED BY COMPANIES THAT CONTRACT WITH SHELBY COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

Signature

Date

(For Office Use Only)

Attendance Record (if applicable)

No. of Meetings _____ No. Attend _____ No. Absent _____

Disposition:

Approval _____ Resolution _____ Item # _____

**NOTICE TO ALL PROSPECTIVE APPOINTEES TO SHELBY COUNTY BOARDS,
AUTHORITIES OR COMMISSIONS**

Pursuant to Resolution #26 adopted July 26, 1993, as amended, each person who submits his or her name for nomination to serve on a board, authority, or commission subject to approval by the Shelby County Board of Commissioners shall submit a list of all private county, social, athletic or professional clubs of which that person is a member. In the event it is determined that any such clubs are discriminatory in choosing their members on the basis of race, sex, or religion, the Shelby County Board of Commissioners may use this information in voting to reject the nominee.

Pursuant to the aforementioned Resolution you are hereby required to list all private country, social, athletic or professional clubs of which you belong.

- 1 NONE
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____

List below any of the aforementioned clubs of which you belong that do not have female members.

- 1 N/A
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____

List below any of the aforementioned clubs of which you belong that do not have minority group members (e.g., African American, Hispanic, Asian).

1 N/A
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____

Do any of the aforementioned clubs of which you belong discriminate in selecting members based on race, sex, or religion?

Circle Below:

Yes No

N/A

Submitted:

JOHN FOWLER

(Print Name)

Signature:

[Signature]

Date:

4/1/09

GRATUITY DISCLOSURE FORM

Shelby County Ethics Commission

INSTRUCTIONS: This form is for all persons receiving any Shelby County Government contract, land use approval or financial grant money to report any gratuity that has been given, directly or indirectly, to any elected official, employee or appointee (including their spouses and immediate family members) who is involved in the decision regarding the contract, land use approval, or financial grant of money.

1. NAME

NONE

2. DATE OF GRATUITY

3. NATURE AND PURPOSE OF THE GRATUITY

4. NAME OF THE OFFICIAL, EMPLOYEE, APPOINTEE, OR FAMILY MEMBER WHO RECEIVED THE GRATUITY

5. NAME OF THE PERSON OR ENTITY THAT PROVIDED THE GRATUITY

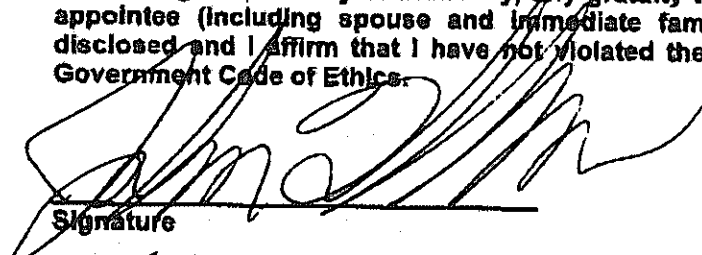
6. ADDRESS OF THE PERSON OR ENTITY THAT PROVIDED THE GRATUITY

7. DESCRIPTION OF THE GRATUITY

8. COST OF THE GRATUITY (If cost is unknown and not reasonably discernible by the person giving the gratuity, then the person giving the gratuity shall report a good faith estimate of the cost of the gratuity.)

9. The information contained in this Gratuity Disclosure Form, and any supporting documentation or materials referenced herein or submitted herewith, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and affirm that I have not given, directly or indirectly, any gratuity to any elected official, employee or appointee (including spouse and immediate family members) that has not been disclosed and I affirm that I have not violated the provisions of the Shelby County Government Code of Ethics.

Signature



Date

4/1/09

Print Name

JOHN FOWLKES

A copy of your completed form will be placed on the Shelby County Internet website.

HONORABLE JOHN THOMAS FOWLKES, JR.
CRIMINAL COURT DIVISION VI
236 BREMINGTON PL.
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE 38111
(901) 545-5857 – (O); (901) 454-0996 – (H); (901) 262-5069 – (C)
E-mail – john.fowlkes@shelbycountyttn.gov

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2007- Present

CRIMINAL COURT, 30th JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT MEMPHIS.

JUDGE OF DIVISION VI OF CRIMINAL COURT- Criminal Court has jury trial jurisdiction over all state crimes committed in Shelby County, Tennessee.

ADDITIONAL JUDICIAL ACTIVITY-

- Delegate to the American Bar Association, Judicial Division, National Conference of State Trial Judges.
- Tennessee Pattern Jury Instruction Committee Member (Criminal).
- Committee on Judicial Compensation and Retirement.
- Tennessee Judicial Redistricting Advisory Committee.
- Continuing Legal Education, Blue Ribbon Commission on Use of Excess CLE Funds.

2002- 2007

SHELBY COUNTY GOVERNMENT, SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER – Responsibility for overall management of day to day operations of the Shelby County Mayor's Administration. Duties and responsibilities include:

- Manage all County Divisions including Administration & Finance, Public Works, Planning and Development, Community Services, Health Department, Corrections, Human Resources, Internal Audit, Grants Management and TQM.
- Establish and maintain effective communication with all members of the Shelby County Board of Commissioners.
- Establish and maintain effective communication with all other Shelby County Elected Officials.
- Develop close working relationship with members of other governmental entities, including Federal, State and City Governments.
- Develop and coordinate working groups to address difficult countywide issues.
- Resolve complex employment matters.

1989 – 2002

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY – Responsibility for litigating a variety of criminal cases including drug and gang conspiracies, firearm offenses, violent crimes, money laundering and career criminals. Tried over 100 federal jury trials. Filed and argued over 100 appeals. Also, managed all office sections.

**2001 – 2002
And 1993-1997**

FIRST ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY – Responsibility for overall management of Criminal, Civil and Administrative Sections of the Memphis and Jackson Branch offices. Duties and responsibilities included the following:

- Supervised all units, including Civil, Criminal, and Administration; provided guidance on cases and office policies.
- Established and maintained effective communication with all members of the judiciary.
- Communicated with federal and local law enforcement agencies.
- Evaluated supervisors and administrative officer job performances, as well as reviewed Assistant U.S. Attorney's performance appraisals.
- Monitored courtroom performance of Attorneys.
- Resolved complex personnel matters.
- Developed attorney performance appraisal elements as part of a national working group.
- Investigated and prosecuted criminal organizations.
- Prepared Appellate briefs and argued cases before the court of appeals.

1997 – 2001

DRUG/GANG PROSECUTOR – Responsible for district-wide gang prosecution policy and strategy including Memphis and Jackson, Tennessee. Duties and responsibilities included the following:

- Met with Federal and State Law Enforcement department heads to create investigatory gang task forces in the district.
- Prosecuted approximately 150 gang or gang related cases district wide.
- Coordinated investigations with FBI, DEA, ATF, Secret Service, TBI, Shelby County Sheriff's Department, Memphis Police Department and Jackson Police Department.
- Prepared Appellate briefs and appeared in Appeals Court in Cincinnati, Ohio.

1990 – 1993

ORGANIZED CRIME DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE (OCDETF) – A federal program that combines federal,

state and local law enforcement resources to target and prosecute significant illegal drug organizations.

- Prosecuted over 100 individual defendants as a result of OCDETF strategies for drug organizations.
- Conducted appellate work generated from prosecutions.

1979 – 1989

DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, 30TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL – Litigated a variety of prosecutions including homicides, robberies, rapes and burglaries. Tried approximately 15 + jury trials each year.

- Major Violator Unit – 1980-1984, prosecuted defendants with lengthy criminal histories, frequently charged as “habitual criminals”.
- Child Sexual Abuse Unit – 1985-1989, served as a member and ultimately, Director of Child Sexual Abuse Unit. Responsibilities included reviewing cases provided by law enforcement agencies for sufficiency and distribution of cases for prosecution. Provided training for prosecutors, investigators, DHS workers and sexual assault resource staff.
- Sexual Assault Resource Center Advisor – 1987-1989, (formerly Rape Crisis Center) served as Office Advisor to the Resource Center in the area of protocol development, and coordination of witness preparation.

1978 – 1979

SHELBY COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER – Defended individuals charge with various crimes including offenses such as robberies, burglaries and larcenies.

EDUCATION

1977

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER, School of Law, Denver, Colorado. Juris Doctorate. Graduated: 1977.

1975

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY, Valparaiso, Indiana. Bachelors of Arts, History. Graduated: 1975.

BAR ADMISSIONS

1989

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT

1989

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN
DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

1978

STATE OF TENNESSEE

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1998 – 2002

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR THE UNITED STATES
ATTORNEYS -**

EVALUATOR – Served as a member of the Evaluation and Review Staff (EARS) which evaluates each U.S. Attorney's Office nationwide approximately once every three years.

- Reviewed basic operations of U.S. Attorney's Offices including Southern District of Florida, the District of Connecticut, the Middle District of Pennsylvania, the Northern District of Ohio, the Eastern District of North Carolina, and the Northern District of Indiana.

1995 – 1997

**OFFICE OF LEGAL EDUCATION (OLE), NATIONAL
ADVOCACY CENTER, COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA.**

INSTRUCTOR – OLE provides legal education to Assistant U.S. Attorney's and other Department of Justice officials.

- Served as an Instructor for the Federal Practice Seminar (2002)
- Served as an Instructor for the Advanced Trial Advocacy Course (1996 – 1997)
- Served as an Instructor for the Basic Trial Advocacy Course (1993)

OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Memphis Bar Association Bench and Bar Conference, "Overcoming Obstacles to Pro Bono Work", May 2007

Memphis Bar Association Bench and Bar Conference, "Federal Prosecution" 1992, 1994 and 2002.

OCDETF Regional Meeting, "Prosecution of Juveniles" in Federal Court, November 1999.

Jackson Police Department – Federal Gang Prosecution, 2000.

Federal Bureau of Investigation – In-service, Evidentiary Issues and Trial Testimony.

Memphis Police Department – In-service, U.S. Attorney Drug and Gang Prosecution, 2000.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member and Board of Directors, Ben F. Jones Chapter, National Bar Association

Member, Memphis Bar Association

Fellow, Memphis Bar Foundation

Member, American Bar Association, Delegate to the National Conference of State Trial Judges

Past Member, National Association of Assistant United States Attorneys
Leo Bearman, Sr. American Inn of Court

AWARDS

2008	Citizen of the Year for Outstanding Service, Prince Hall Grand Lodge.
2004	Award for Outstanding Legal Service, Ben F. Jones Chapter, National Bar Association.
2002	Citizen of the Year for Outstanding Community Service, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc
2001	Director's Award for Sustained High Level Performance as an Assistant United States Attorney, Executive Office for United States Attorneys.
2000	United States Attorney's Award for Outstanding Performance.
1998 – 1999	Award for Sustained High Level Performance, United States Attorney's office.
1995	FedEx "Well Done" Award, Federal Express Corp.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2005 – PRESENT	Board of Directors, Memphis Area Legal Services, Inc.
2007 – PRESENT	Board of Directors, Lifeblood, Inc.
2008 - PRESENT	Board of Directors, Ten Point Coalition, Inc.
2004 – 2009	Member, Economic Club of Memphis
2005 - 2007	Board of Directors, Cook Convention Center
2004 – 2007	Board of Directors, National Civil Rights Museum
2002 – 2007	Board of Directors, Memphis in May International Festival, Inc.
2002 – 2007	Board of Directors, Memphis and Shelby County Convention and Visitors Bureau
1999 – PRESENT	Member and Past President, Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church
1999 – PRESENT	Member, Optimist Club of Whitehaven, Tennessee
And 1992-1994	
1993 – PRESENT	Member NAACP
1995 – 2002	Participant, U.S. Attorney Adopt A School Program-Cypress Middle School
1997 – 1999	Mock Trial Instructor/Coach, MLGW Explorer Post
1991 – 1993	Organizer, U.S. Attorney's Office Explorer Post